



FORAGE HARVEST MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY CRP USE

Indiana CRP Emergency Forage Harvest (511) Plan - Job Sheet

PURPOSE

To allow haying for a limited time period on eligible Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) fields for livestock producers in need of forage for feed due to drought conditions.

Participants must request authority for emergency forage harvesting of CRP acreage from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) prior to harvesting and follow this plan. Participants may not graze and hay the same acreage.

This plan is limited to the following period:
7/16/2012 to **8/31/2012**.

This plan is for: **CP1**

CRP #: **123**

Farm Number: **123**

Tract Number: **1234**

Field Number(s): **1,4,5**

Total Acreage: **120**

Max to be harvested: **60**

Producer: **John Brown**

CRP Owner: **John Brown**



MANAGEMENT

Cut forage at a height that will promote the vigor and health of the desired species. Cutting heights will provide adequate residual leaf area; adequate numbers of tillers or buds; insulation from extreme heat or cold; and/or unsevered stem bases that store food reserves needed full, vigorous recovery. Overwintering heights will be based on the NRCS Forage Harvest Standard (511).

Harvest at a height of no less than: **3** inches

The forage species in this system being managed includes: **Cool-Season Grasses**

Fifty (50) percent of each field or contiguous CRP fields shall be left for wildlife use and not harvested.

For this tract, approximately **50** acres will be used for forage production and **50** acres will be left for use by wildlife. It would be advantageous for the 50% left for wildlife to be left in blocks or a corridor at least **50** feet wide. See attached plan map for areas to be harvested and left for wildlife.

Harvest hay/haylage at the ideal moisture range for the type of storage being utilized. For optimum forage quality, rake, ted or invert swaths carefully and with some moisture if possible to reduce leaf loss. Bale at optimum moisture levels to preserve forage quality and quantity. Approximate percent moisture should be as follows:

- Bale field cured dry hay at 10-20% moisture
- Rake hay at 30-40% moisture if possible
- Haylage at 45-60% moisture

Ensiling grasses and legumes as haylage requires 45 to 60 percent moisture. Haylage is the most sensitive of the ensiled forages to moisture variation. **Just a few percentage points up or down can ruin your forage stored in this manner.** Low-moisture haylage often becomes too dry for good harvesting and storage.

All harvesting will be completed by August 31st and removed from the CRP field by September 10th.

I have reviewed this Conservation Plan modification and agree to follow the specifications.

Signature: _____
(Producer)

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(District Conservationist)

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(FSA Representative)

Date: _____

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